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OF BIOMOLECULES

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SIR:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel without prejudice claims 6, 7, 11-25, 30-33, 36-42, 45-46, and 49-50.

3. (amended) The substrate platform of claim 1, wherein a first substrate platform part in a planar surface thereof has depressed a defined channel system and a second substrate platform part is a planar substrate adhered to the first part planar surface.

A1 4. (amended) The substrate platform of claim 3, wherein the two parts are adhered together with an adhesive.

5. (amended) The substrate platform of claim 2, wherein the planar substrate is a transparent plastic member.

A2 9. (amended) The substrate platform of claim 1 wherein the microfluidic analysis platform comprises the sample analysis area.